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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 USC 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE

Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 USC 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US), mailed on March 22, 2007 please find enclosed the executed inventor(s) Declaration.

We trust that this matter is in order, but if there is any further action required please advise us immediately.

> Respectfully submitted for Applicant(s)

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Enc.: Executed Declaration

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SHOULD ANY OTHER FEE BE REQUIRED, THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO CHARGE SUCH FEE TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 13-0410.